

February 28, 2011

**SB 1052 – An Act Concerning the Practice of Acupuncture**

**Testimony of Peter Zilahy, L.Ac., D.C.**

**Public Health Committee Public Hearing March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, and Members of the Public Health Committee:

I am a practicing licensed acupuncturist since 2003 in Watertown, Connecticut. I have a private practice as well as an office at St Mary's Hospital where I've been granted acupuncture privileges. I also am a practicing chiropractic physician since 1976.

I would like to thank the public health committee for raising SB 1052, and encourage passage of the bill because it brings the practice act in concordance with the contemporary state of acupuncture.

Acupuncture has stood the test of time with clinical results and is now currently being scientifically validated in mechanisms of action. It can be an extremely powerful mode of treatment in resolving a multitude of health issues. It is unique, cost effective and complementary to traditional allopathic care. Therefore it is important for these distinctions to be preserved and written into law.

It is with deep appreciation to the public health committee for consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Sen. Kane, Rep. Williams

